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Peabody High School Athletic Hall of Fame

Peabody High School has been participating in interscholastic athletics for over one hundred years. During these tradition rich and often illustrious years, scores of outstanding athletes have worn the blue and white colors of the Tanners. Additionally, there have been many other individuals who have served the athletic programs with dedication and distinction as coaches or in other capacities.

The Hall of Fame Committee was founded for the express purpose of enhancing and preserving these athletic traditions and recognizing those individuals who have contributed most significantly through the years. The year-long efforts of the committee have culminated in the selection of the individuals being honored here tonight. Those being inducted have participated with distinction in athletics at Peabody High School or, as it is currently named, Peabody Veterans Memorial High School.

The decisions on who should be inducted into the Hall of Fame were extremely difficult because there are literally hundreds of truly outstanding individuals who were eligible and worthy of consideration. However, the committee feels strongly that the final choices were made fairly, democratically, and most importantly, in a true spirit of cooperation. Not only is the committee extremely proud of this group of inductees, but we are also confident that individuals who will be honored at future ceremonies will be as equally deserving of induction.

The beauty of tonight's celebration is that it is only another step on the continuum. *The Peabody High School Athletic Hall of Fame* will undoubtedly continue to grow in size and stature. And, therefore, the goal of enhancing and preserving Peabody's athletic traditions will be achieved and perpetuated.

The PHS Hall of Fame Committee

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*Dr. Ralph
McCarthy*



DR. RALPH P. MCCARTHY
Class of 1926
(Deceased)

The newspaper reports of the Peabody High football and baseball games of the mid 20's were peppered with the name Ralph "Mac" McCarthy. Before suffering a broken back in a 1925 football game against Lynn Classical, "Mac" was the dominant player of his team and the individual other teams geared their defenses to stop. He even recovered from the broken back in his senior year in time to lead the Tanners to the 1926 Essex County League baseball championship.

McCarthy played collegiate baseball at Georgetown and was elected team captain in his senior year. Although he was invited to join the Red Sox for "spring training" in 1931, he decided instead to sign a contract with the Detroit Tigers. "Mac" played in the Tigers minor league system for two years before opting to attend Georgetown Medical School. While studying for his medical degree, which he received in 1936, "Mac" coached the powerful Georgetown University baseball team for three years.

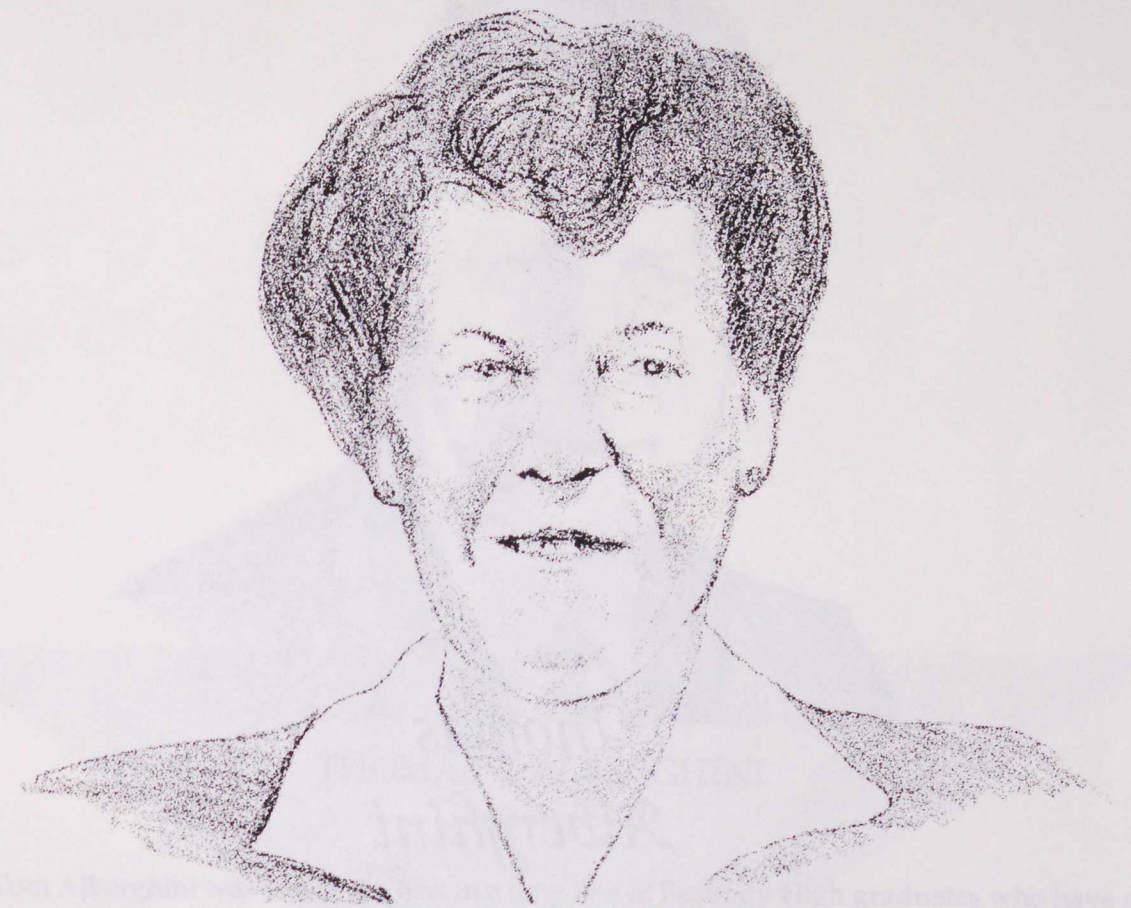
Upon returning to the North Shore, Ralph played in many local semi-pro and twilight baseball leagues before opening his private medical practice in 1939. Because of his baseball background and medical expertise, Dr. McCarthy was selected to be the Red Sox team physician in 1940 - a position he held until his untimely death in 1963.

During the 40's and 50's, in addition to his medical practice, Ralph served as the Essex County Medical Examiner, chairman of the Peabody Board of Health, Peabody High School team physician, and the corporate physician for Eastman Gelatin. It was also during this time that "Mac" helped a young man named Lou Surman obtain a football scholarship to Georgetown where he became one of the top punters in the nation. After tonight they will share the honor of being Peabody High School Athletic Hall of Famers.

In 1950 Ralph was honored by the Georgetown "G" Club as the "Man of the Year" in recognition of his impressive accomplishments and outstanding contributions to his alma mater.

Dr. McCarthy is survived by his wife Vera, who still resides in the family homestead in Peabody, five children, Paul, Phil, Janet, Edmund, and Christine, as well as eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Sanka Kushnieruk



SANKA A. KUSHNIERUK
Class of 1935
(Deceased)

A gifted, natural athlete, Sanka excelled at every sport she tried: basketball, volleyball, golf, squash, swimming, and gymnastics. Her enthusiasm, energy, and competitive spirit seemed boundless. She was eager to take on new challenges and her interests were many and varied.

Sanka entered Peabody High School at a time when women's sports were in their infancy. Helen Riley O'Connor started the first girls' basketball team in 1929. Sanka was the starting center as a freshman and the team won 9 and lost only once. As a reward for a fine season the team was awarded sweaters. 1932 found the PHS girls being even more successful. The team went 11-0 and won the North Shore League Championship. The Tanners often crushed opponents by scores like 51-5 and 63-9. Archrival Salem was defeated 66-4! This time the girls were presented jackets. 1933 was a continuation of their success as the Tanners rolled through another undefeated season. Sanka was the leading scorer and frequently had over 40 points a game. In 1934 Sanka was elected captain and led that team to another undefeated season and another league championship. In 1935 the Tanners rolled to 45 consecutive wins dating back to 1931. The Tanners scored 543 points to 199 for their opponents. Sanka scored 374 points herself, but seldom played a complete game. For her outstanding play Sanka was named "Essex County Woman Athlete of the Year" and many people said she was the best woman athlete in the entire state.

When Sanka graduated from PHS, the Depression was still a major factor in the nation and Sanka went to work. She continued to participate in sports and played on several local basketball teams. In 1939, playing for the Lynn Dux, Sanka won a medal by scoring 71 points in the Works Progress Administration Women's Tournament.

Sanka worked for the WPA in the playgrounds. Here she discovered her love of working with children. She went back to college, got her degree, and was eventually hired as an elementary school physical education teacher. She also was an assistant coach with Helen Riley O'Connor for many years.

Sanka passed away on January 5, 1982, but her legend lives on.

Thomas
Alberghini



THOMAS J. ALBERGHINI
Class of 1939

Tom Alberghini was one of the first in a long line of Peabody High graduates who have gone on to distinguish themselves in other areas of the country thereby bringing honor and recognition to their home town. Tom interrupted his college education to enlist in the United States Marine Corps in January, 1943. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant, became a platoon leader, served in the South Pacific Theater of War for two years, was twice wounded, and was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry.

Tom's courage, toughness, and leadership qualities were honed on the playing fields of Peabody as a youth. He is still considered one of the most dominant linemen ever to wear Tanner blue and white. Tom was a two-year track performer and a three-year varsity lineman in football. His most memorable high school experiences include being an integral part of the 1939 track team which won the Essex County League Championship, participating in intersectional post season games in Ohio and New York, and being a bulwark of the undefeated 1938 Tanners football team.

According to Tom, "Of all the football coaches that I have ever been associated with, Bill Seeglitz (a 1994 Hall of Fame Inductee) made the greatest impression on me-both as a person and as a coach. He greatly influenced my decision to become a teacher and coach."

After his All-Scholastic career at Peabody High, Alberghini became a three-year varsity starter at guard for Holy Cross. He played 58 minutes in the famous 55-12 upset of Boston College. In 1942, Tom was honored as All-New England by the United Press, All-East by Associated Press, and was an All-American honorable mention selection. He was chosen to play in the East-West Shrine game in San Francisco on New Year's Day, 1943, and blocked the extra point which enabled the East to win the game 13-12.

After being honorably discharged from the Marine Corps in the fall of 1945, Alberghini joined the Pittsburgh Steelers and finished the season with them. This, however, was the end of his football career due to diminished skills and desire after the rigors of his war experiences.

Tom enrolled at George Washington University and earned his B.S. and Master's in Education from that institution. He secured a teaching and coaching position at Montgomery High School in Rockville, Maryland. Tom later transferred to Walter Johnson High School in Bethesda, Maryland, where he coached football and wrestling and eventually became the school's Athletic Director. He retired in 1982 after twenty-eight years of service in the Maryland public school system.

Tom is married to his high school sweetheart and classmate, the former Carolyn Negus. The couple recently celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

*Nikki
Sclavounos
Kendall*



NIKKI SCLAVOUNOS KENDALL
Class of 1942

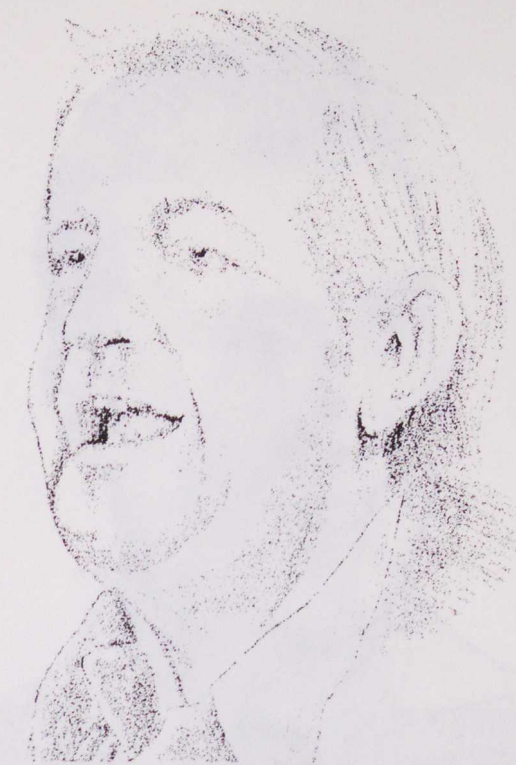
Few people remember that girls' sports did exist in the 1940's, but those who do certainly remember the outstanding girls' basketball team of 1941. Led by Nikki Sclavounos, who was the high scorer in most of their games, the 1941 girls' basketball team captured the "North Shore Championship" and topped that honor by winning the "New England Championship". This was the first and only time in the history of Peabody High School that a girls' basketball team achieved this honor. What Nikki remembers best of her basketball days is how difficult it was for girls to receive recognition for their success and the wonderful friendships she formed with her teammates. Nikki went on to be the co-captain of the 1942 team.

In addition to her standout basketball career, Nikki participated in track, softball, and gymnastics. She was selected the "Best Female Athlete" in the class of 1942 and was also awarded the "George Peabody Medal" for excellence in scholarship.

After high school, Nikki attended the Fay School for Women. In the late 1940's she played basketball as a member of the Lynn "Y" team. Nikki was a civilian employee of the Department of Defense (United States Navy) for thirty-two years.

Nikki currently resides in Peabody with her husband Ernest and keeps busy with visits from her daughter Dr. Joan DiMarchi, her son Lewis, an engineer, and her four wonderful grandchildren.

*Arthur
Adamopoulos*



ARTHUR ADAMOPOULOS
Class of 1945

By the time Arthur Adamopoulos finished his Peabody High coaching career in 1981, his teams had compiled a remarkable 129-60-7 record and he had become the winningest football coach in Tanner history. His players were always well-schooled in the basics. As far as Arthur was concerned, fundamental blocking and tackling techniques were always the most important skills to be mastered on the field. But off the field, being a quality human being and acquiring an education were even more important goals which he wanted all his players to attain.

Arthur was the hard-nose center on the 1944 State Championship Peabody High School football team. That team would upset the undefeated championship Saugus Sachems in a post season game which gave birth to one of the best Thanksgiving Day rivalries in Massachusetts. While in high school Arthur was also the captain of the basketball team and the Tanners top rebounder.

After graduating from Peabody High School in 1945, Arthur attended the University of Rhode Island. At URI, Arthur continued his athletic pursuits playing both football and basketball. After attaining his degree from URI, Arthur entered the field of education. His love of sports soon led him into coaching. He was named head coach of Plainfield, Connecticut, where he served for four years. Arthur eventually found an opening at his alma mater, and returned home. He taught science and became an assistant football coach.

In 1961 Arthur was named head football coach of the Tanners. His first season started slowly because the Tanners had to learn new offensive and defensive schemes. They dropped their first three games but then won the last six in a row. The Tanners also had to battle through several years of double sessions PHS before eventually hitting their stride and playing Adamopoulos-style football.

His 1968 team rang up a 7-1-1 record and this was followed by a 9-0-0 State Championship team in 1969. This squad is generally acknowledged to be one of the finest teams in PHS history. Arthur took great pride in defense and 58 of his 129 wins were by shutouts. His great 1976 team, for example, had a record of 9-0-1 and won eight games by shutouts.

Arthur ended his coaching career with eleven consecutive winning seasons. He had two undefeated teams and five teams that lost only once. In the Greater Boston League, he was 48-10-2 with 24 shutouts. For his remarkable contribution to high school football, Arthur was named to the Massachusetts State Football Coaches Hall of Fame in 1985. Arthur and his wife Desi reside in Groveland and have two sons - William and Charles.

Henry Pelletier



HENRY PELLETIER
Class of 1945
(Deceased)

The 1945 Peabody High School yearbook, the Meta, describes Henry as "a man of few words, but a man of action". This is a very accurate description of this quiet man who led by example. Henry's teammates recognized this and he was named game captain (the usual practice of that era) for the 1944 Peabody High School football team's biggest game against Salem. This was indeed an honor because Henry played the tackle position - a position that wasn't flashy but was certainly vital to winning football games. Henry was a big, powerful, aggressive lineman who threw monster blocks and created huge holes for his running backs. His teammates affectionately called him "Horse" - a nickname that stuck with him for life. Henry was indeed the workhorse of the team. Whenever that extra yard was needed the ball was usually carried right behind Henry's position. Even though the other team often knew what was about to happen, they were unable to stop it.

The 1944 Tanners were one of the finest teams to ever represent Peabody High School. The undefeated team was declared State Champions. A tie with Salem was the only blemish on their otherwise impressive record. The 1944 Tanners played a post season game with undefeated Saugus and upset the Sachems in the first ever meeting between the two schools. 1944 was a time when people were looking to escape the misery of World War II and many found a great escape in high school athletics. Playing their home games in Manning Bowl in Lynn, the Tanners would sometimes play before 100,000 fans.

Henry was honored for his outstanding play by being named WESX player of the week several times and was named an All-Scholastic by virtually every newspaper in Massachusetts. He was recruited by many major colleges including Notre Dame but decided to attend Boston College on a football scholarship. After college, and service in the military, Henry returned to Peabody, raised a family and ran his own business until his untimely death in 1966. Henry was honored in 1966 by being named "the greatest tackle in Peabody High School history" by the Peabody Times.

Walter
"Buddy"
Roche



WALTER "BUDDY" ROCHE
Class of 1945

"Buddy" Roche was the star halfback on the state championship 1944 Peabody High School football team. Though not very tall, Buddy was a giant of a player. He was a running back who was both fast and shifty, but he was also a player who could throw crushing blocks and make bone shattering tackles. Coach Seeglitz recognized this ability when Buddy was just a sophomore. Buddy would play three years of varsity football, earning All-Star honors in both his junior and senior years at P.H.S.. The Tanners of the 1940's played their home games in Manning Bowl in Lynn and war weary fans flocked to Peabody football games as a release from the tensions of the war.

Buddy also played baseball and basketball in high school, but it was in football that he really made his mark. After a stint in the United States Navy at the end of World War II, Buddy played football at Southeastern Louisiana State College. He also attended Boston College and Boston University. Buddy eventually became a teacher-coach in the Randolph, Massachusetts school system for twenty-five years.

For the past thirty-two years, Buddy has served as a member of the Peabody School Committee-the longest serving member in the history of this community. His late brother Tim Roche, the long-time principal of the Center School, was also an outstanding two-way lineman for the Tanners. Buddy and his wife Mary have resided in West Peabody for many years.

John
Waselchuk



JOHN WASELCHUK
Class of 1945

John is one of those individuals who seems to have been involved with North Shore sports activities in general and, more specifically, Peabody baseball for as long as anyone can remember. He began his baseball career as a grammar school pitching phenom for the South Memorial School team at Carroll Savage Park and seemingly never stopped. His dazzling array of curve balls and sliders left hitters twisted like pretzels from Peabody to Macon, Georgia.

Waselchuk was the Tanners star pitcher for three years in high school. During the summer, at a time when semi-pro baseball was the rage of the North Shore, John pitched for power laden teams like the S.A.S. Club, the V.F.W, the Greek A.C., and the South Peabody Athletic Club.

John entered military service after high school graduation and served a three year hitch in the U.S. Navy. For two years he was assigned to the Mediterranean Fleet before transferring to the Quonset Point Naval Air Station in Rhode Island where he pitched the "Flyers" to the All-Navy World Series in Norfolk, Virginia.

Upon his discharge, John was drafted by the Chicago Cubs and optioned to the team's Clovis, New Mexico affiliate managed by "Dizzy" Dean's brother Paul. Waselchuk had an outstanding season, posting a 15-9 record for a last place team, and was named to the league's All-Star team. In 1950 he posted a 16-9 record at Greensboro in the North Carolina League and the next year led the team with an E.R.A. of 2.28. During his five-year minor league baseball experience, John pitched against many future big league stars and Hall of Famers like Hank Aaron, Frank Robinson, and Roger Maris but never quite made the Big Show himself.

After returning to Peabody, Waselchuk served the Peabody High baseball program for ten years as a J.V. and varsity coach. He also managed the old Rowe Motor semi-pro baseball team to North Shore League and Greater Boston League championships. John was also an active high school baseball umpire for thirty years and served a term as president of the North Shore Baseball Umpires Association. He participated in the Old Timers Jimmy Fund Games on Labor Day at Emerson Park for over twenty-five years and is a life member of the Association of Professional Baseball Players of America.

John is a retired, long-time employee of the Peabody Municipal Light Department. He has been married to former City Council President Mary Murtagh Waselchuk for 42 years and they have two daughters - Ellen and Janet - and three grandchildren.

Raymond
Potter



RAYMOND F. POTTER
Class of 1948
(Deceased)

When asked to recall the most memorable moment of his high school football career by a *Lynn Post* reporter, Ray Potter replied, "It had to be when we upset Lynn Classical's great team, led by Harry Agganis, by the score of 12-7 in Manning Bowl in 1947. He was such a great quarterback and it was a real thrill to play against him. I'll never forget the wild post-game celebration in Peabody Square after we won that game." It was recorded that 17,000 fans watched that game at Manning Bowl. The upset of the "Golden Greek" led Classical Rams sparked a celebration in Peabody Square that was compared to that of V.J. Day.

That was so typical of Ray Potter. When anyone asked this gentle giant of a man about his most memorable moment, he chose a team victory over personal triumphs or individual accolades. That was the spirit of Ray Potter. He loved to be in the middle of the action-he loved people. He carried these attitudes throughout the rest of his life as he became more and more involved in the activities of the community where he was born.

But, in reality there was plenty of individual recognition as well. Ray was a track performer and three-year varsity starter as a devastating two-way tackle for the Tanners. As a senior he made every All-Scholastic team and was the recipient of the William J. Hallinan Memorial Plaque and Gold Watch in 1948. Although many colleges competed for Ray's football talents, he accepted a full athletic scholarship to Louisiana State University. At L.S.U. he was a starter on the 1950 team which played in the Sugar Bowl on New Year's Day and was the team captain in 1952. He was selected as an All-Southeast Conference lineman as a senior.

After graduation he was drafted by the Washington Redskins but was unable to report because he was called to active duty during the Korean War where he served as a 1st Lieutenant. Upon his return home in 1955, Potter accepted a position as an instructor at Essex Agricultural School.

In 1958 he was elected to the Peabody School Committee where he served with distinction for sixteen years.

After earning his Masters in Education from Salem State College in 1962, Ray became the Educational Manager at the "Aggie" and eventually became the school's director. Ray's service to others was tragically cut short by his death in 1988. His life was marked by devotion to his community, his church, his wife Toni, and their two sons - Michael and Stephen.

*Stephen
Sarowsky*



STEPHEN SAROWSKY
Class of 1952

Steve was always one of those quiet athletes who led strictly by example. His gentlemanly demeanor, however, masked a fiery competitive desire which was evident to teammates and opponents alike.

Steve played four years of both basketball and baseball while attending Peabody High. He was a hard-hitting outfielder and a dominant pitcher in baseball. His smooth fielding style and early jump on fly balls made difficult plays seem routine. Steve was the best hitter on the team, one of the best in the old Essex County League, and led the Tanners to the League Championship and the state tournament in 1952. He actually pitched the Tanners to the state finals which were played at old Braves field - which is now part of the Boston University sports complex.

Sarowsky's natural athletic talents also made him an outstanding basketball player. He was elected team captain his senior year and, as a forward-guard swing man, led the Tanners in scoring virtually every game. He actually poured in thirty-six points in a game against Gloucester and led the Essex county League in scoring with 250 points. Steve was also a tenacious defensive player and was usually assigned to guard the opponent's top scorer.

Steve was named to every North Shore All-Star team and several All-Scholastic teams in both basketball and baseball during his junior and senior years.

After graduation from P.H.S., Steve played semi-pro baseball in a number of local leagues for such dominant teams as Verza Leather and the Friscoes A.C.. He was considered to be one of the top pitchers on the North Shore with his sharp breaking assortment of curve balls and a sneaky fastball. Steve later served as a player-coach in the Danvers Twilight League at a time when it was the oldest, continually operating semi-pro league in the country. Steve also volunteered his services as a coach to the Danvers Youth Football League for several years.

Sarowsky credits his grammar school coach Tom Callahan and fellow Hall of Famer Lou Surman as individuals who had a positive influence on his life. One would have to search long and hard to find better role models. Steve is retired from the Eastman Gelatin Corporation in Peabody and is currently working part-time at the Newburyport Superior Courthouse.

Peter Torigian



PETER A. TORIGIAN
Class of 1953

The man who most epitomizes "Pride in Peabody" is also the man who, on a state-wide basis, is the person most closely associated with the Tanner City - its mayor, Peter Torigian. But when he was voted the "Best Male Athlete" in his 1953 graduating class, few of his classmates or teammates could have envisioned that he would some day become the longest serving mayor in the city's history.

During his high school days, Pete was the Tanners starting quarterback in football for two years, captain of the 1953 baseball team which won the Essex County League Championship, and a high scoring guard on the basketball team. As a senior, he was actually among the top ten point producers in all of Essex County. Pete was named to all the local All-Star teams in both baseball (where he was a hard-hitting, hard-nosed catcher) and basketball (where he also excelled defensively). Among his most cherished memories are quarterbacking the Tanners to a 6-6 tie with highly regarded Lynn English and upsetting a powerful Salem team 15-6 in a snow storm in 1952.

After high school, Torigian joined the United States Marine Corps and served a three-year tour of duty before being honorably discharged. Upon returning home, Pete married and started a family while working as a mailman for the United States Postal Service. He still found time to play semi-pro baseball, softball, and coach the J.V. baseball team for his alma mater.

Peter began his political career serving as Ward I Councilor from 1968-1971 and Councilor-at-Large for two terms before eventually being elected mayor in 1979. He is the longest sitting mayor among those currently serving in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Peter has also served as president of the Massachusetts Municipal Association and the Mayors Association. He is currently the chairman of the Essex County Advisory Board. Torigian's civic contributions are widely recognized and he has been honored as "Man of the Year" by B'nai B'rith and the North Shore Chamber of Commerce. He has also received the North Shore ARC President's Award and been recognized as the Elks "Citizen of the Year."

Peter still resides in his old South Peabody neighborhood. He and his wife of thirty-seven years, the former Jacqueline LeBlanc, are the proud parents of five daughters (Jeanne, Nancy, Laurie, Sara, and Linda) and five grandchildren.

John
Galaris



JOHN D. GALARIS
Class of 1961

While many students at Salem State College may know that John Galaris is the school's Director of Athletics, most of them probably don't realize that he was a three-time all-New England and a three-time Division III All-American in basketball and one of the most dominant round ball performers the North Shore has ever produced. Even today, thirty years after graduation, John remains the all-time leading scorer in the history of Salem State College basketball.

During his Peabody High School years, John teamed with Jim Retos and Stan Kanarski to form the "best front court" in Essex County and led the Tanners into the state tournament in 1960 before being upended by perennial powerhouse Durfee High School. John was also a track performer during his senior year at Peabody High - but basketball was really his game. He was Essex County All-Conference for two years and received All-State recognition as a senior.

Galaris really blossomed after high school and, after his starry collegiate career at Salem State where he was selected to receive the Salem State College "Student-Athlete Award" in 1967, John was drafted by the Oakland team in the old A.B.A. He opted to play professionally in Europe for several years before returning to the North Shore where he performed in numerous semi-pro leagues. Before his playing days were over, his exploits had earned him induction into the Harry Agganis Basketball Tournament Hall of Fame and the Salem State College Hall of Fame.

Galaris is a commissioner of the Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference, a member of the Salem Park and Recreation Commission, the Director of the Salem State College Foundation, a director of the Heritage Cooperative Bank, and a member of the Salem Open Space Commission. John serves on a number of prestigious regional and national NCAA committees as an adjunct to his duties as Athletic Director at Salem State.

John and his wife Maryellen have two sons, Sean and Jamie.

*Paula
Keating*



PAULA J. KEATING
Class of 1974

During the early 1970's Paula starred on the field hockey, basketball, and softball teams at PVMHS. Her incredible desire to compete and determination to excel are what distinguished her as a team leader in all three varsity sports. In her junior year, Paula captained basketball and softball and in her senior year Paula captained all three sports. In 1974 she was named the MVP in basketball and "Best Female Athlete" at the All-Sports banquet at PVMHS.

In addition to her athletic excellence, Paula was an honor roll student and President of the Student Council. At graduation, she received the American Legion's Award for "Courage, Honor, Leadership and Patriotism."

Paula attended Plymouth State College where she excelled in athletics and captained the ski and softball teams. She graduated Magna Cum Laude and was a member of the Kappa Delta Phi Educational Honor Society.

Paula later had the opportunity to teach and coach at PVMHS with her mentor, Lorraine Benoit. She served as a physical education teacher and assistant softball coach from 1978-1983, and as swimming and diving coach from 1980-1983.

Paula became a Juvenile Probation Officer at Peabody District Court where she worked from 1984-1994 before transferring to the Lynn District Court Probation Department.

Paula's love of Peabody is inherent. She is a third generation "Peabodyite" and the granddaughter of Joe Luz, the star running back of the 1921 championship football team. Although she has lived in Lynnfield for the past fifteen years, when asked where she's from, her answer is always "Peabody".

*David
MacLean*



DAVID M. MacLEAN
Class of 1975

According to his high school track coach and fellow Hall of Famer George Smyrnios, "Dave MacLean was undoubtedly the fastest human being to have ever attended Peabody High School." During his three-year indoor track and outdoor track and field high school career, Dave reigned, at various times, as State Champion in the 100, 220, and 300 yard dashes as well as the long jump.

MacLean still holds most of the sprint records at P.H.S. despite the fact that it's now more than twenty years since he last blazed down the track wearing Tanner blue and white. Ironically, many of the records which Dave broke were twenty year old standards belonging to George Smyrnios.

Dave seemed to thrive on competition and he saved some of his best performances for State and New England track meets when the adrenalin was really pumping. In addition to his State championships, Dave won the 1974 and 1975 New England titles in the 220 yard dash and was nationally ranked in several other events. He also anchored the Tanner 4x100 sprint relay team to victory in the State Relay meet.

MacLean attended Northeastern University on a track scholarship but eventually headed south and earned his college degree from the University of South Florida.

He currently teaches physical education in the greater Tampa area and is actively involved in community volunteer work including coaching baseball, basketball, and soccer (what - no track?) in various YMCA programs.

Dave and his wife Terry have three sons and they all love the weather and life style of South Florida.

Anne
Noone
Adams



ANNE NOONE ADAMS
Class of 1976

In the mid-1970's Anne was a three year varsity athlete in three sports: field hockey, basketball, and spring track. She was captain of the 1975-76 field hockey team which was the first girls' team in any sport at PVMHS to ever qualify for the modern MIAA state tournament. Anne also served as the captain of her basketball team. In her senior year Anne was named the field hockey team MVP and was the recipient of the senior Student-Athlete Award.

Anne went on to excel in sports at Saint Michael's College from 1976-78 where she was the captain and MVP in both field hockey and track. She then transferred to the University of Vermont where she captained the field hockey team and graduated in 1980.

After graduating from UVM, she returned to help coach field hockey at PVMHS, before going back to Saint Michael's as an assistant coach. She was named the varsity field hockey coach at St. Michael's in 1985. When she took over the program, the team had not recorded a winning season since 1981. Anne turned things around in less than two years, leading her team to a 7-6-1 mark in 1986. Since then the Lady Knights have rung up nine consecutive winning seasons.

Anne is currently in her 12th year as head coach of the Division II Saint Michael's College field hockey team. She was the first NCAA Division II coach in New England - and only the fifth in the nation - to achieve the 100 career victory plateau (1995) and is the winningest coach in Saint Michael's history. Her teams have earned berths in the ECAC Championships six times and have been nationally ranked in every season since 1989. Anne's Lady Knights won the ECAC Championship in 1988.

In addition to leading her college program to great heights, Anne is a kindergarten teacher at the Orchard School in South Burlington, Vermont. She resides in nearby Williston with her husband Jeff (a psychology professor at Saint Michael's) and their two children, Marguerite and Kevin.

Kenneth Kocher



KENNETH K. KOCHER
Class of 1977

When Ken Kocher arrived in this country from England as a teenager, no one was really surprised that he was an outstanding soccer player. Few could have imagined however, that he would become one of the most dominant "big men" to ever play for Peabody High. He was a leaper, a shot blocker and rebounder, who controlled "the paint" like a high school version of Bill Russell. Ken led the Tanners in both rebounding and blocked shots his senior year. Peabody advanced to the state tournament where Kocher averaged 21 points and 19 rebounds in four tourney games. He was chosen to the Greater Boston League All-Star team and was named All-Scholastic.

At a time when soccer in this country was in its infancy, Ken's mother, Margaret McCarthy, founded the Peabody Youth Soccer League in an attempt to meet the unfulfilled interests of her children. Ken's siblings, Roy, Chris, and Diane, and hundreds of other Peabody youngsters benefitted tremendously from this new league, but it was Ken who really flourished. He became a three-year G.B.L. All-Star in soccer and was chosen All-Scholastic his senior year. Ken was also the Peabody High team captain as a senior and led the G.B.L. in scoring.

In addition to his basketball and soccer exploits, Ken managed to find the time to play two years of varsity baseball for the Tanners and was named to all the local All-Star teams.

After graduation Kocher took his athletic talents to Salem State College where he was twice named team captain and MVP in soccer. He was selected to the All-New England team for two years and, as a senior, was named All-American while leading SSC to its first ever appearance in the NCAA tournament.

Ken was also sensational in basketball at the college level. He was All-New England as a junior and senior and was twice named to the NCAA small college All-Tournament team. He totaled over 1,000 points and 1,000 rebounds while at SSC and was second in the country in rebounding in the small college division as a junior and third as a senior.

After college Kocher played for the Great Britain team in the World Student Games in 1983 and wound up playing three years of professional basketball in England. In 1985 his final season, he was the team captain and was voted team M.V.P. by the fans.

Ken is married to the former Nancy Hannigan and has worked for U.P.S. for the past ten years.

Frank Keating



FRANK G. KEATING
Class of 1978

The kid from South Peabody has come a long way - both literally and figuratively. Today the title is Major Frank Keating, Battalion Executive Officer at the famous Schofield Barracks in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Frank's leadership qualities were evident early in life as his teammates elected him captain in three sports (cross country, track, and hockey) during both his junior and senior years at Peabody High School. Frank was always the kind of fiery competitor who inspired those around him to perform to the best of their abilities because that was what he expected of himself. He thrived on competition and always seemed to save his strongest performances for the toughest competition.

A three-year starter and top performer in three sports, Keating was selected as a Greater Boston League All-Star in hockey, cross-country, and track during his senior year. He was also honored as the M.V.P. of the Tanner hockey team, was chosen to participate on the Hockey Night in Boston All-Star team, and was recognized as the PVMHS "Male Athlete of the Year" in 1978. Some of his most memorable high school accomplishments include playing in the state hockey tournament at Boston Garden, scoring five goals against Chelsea, and leading the Tanners to an undefeated track season and the G.B.L. championship during his senior year. Frank was the G.B.L. champion in the 440 and 880 and qualified for the State Championship Meet for three years.

After graduation from Peabody High, Keating received a coveted appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point. While at "The Point" he was a four-year varsity starter on the hockey team and still ranks as one of West Point's all-time scoring leaders. As a senior, Frank was the Corps of Cadets Champion in both the 200 and 400 meters while leading his company to the Brigade Championship in the annual track competition.

While serving as a commissioned officer in the United States Army, Keating received his master's degree from Webster University in 1995 and graduated from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College in 1996.

Frank still competes in local road races and military track meets. He is also involved with coaching youth groups in soccer, baseball, and gymnastics. He attributes his commitment to community volunteer work to the example set by his parents, Frank and Marie, during their many years of involvement in youth activities in Peabody. Major Keating currently resides in Wahiawa, Hawaii with his wife Lisa and their four children - Janice, Lauren, Katie and Bobby.

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The Peabody Athletic Hall of Fame Committee wishes to extend its appreciation to Cablevision of Peabody and a special heartfelt thank you to Nick Spiliotis and Effie Orgettis for their support and cooperation in extending the awareness of the Hall of Fame program in the community.

A big Tanner thank-you is also extended to radio personality and former Peabody High hockey standout Don Boyle, our master of ceremonies for this evening's induction ceremony, to Eva LeBlanc, the secretary in the A.D.'s office, and to the Nixon Trophy Co. for graciously providing our Hall of Fame banner which will be prominently displayed at the P.V.M.H.S. fieldhouse after tonight's induction program.

Prominent among the many others who assisted the Committee in producing our program book are Andy Metropolis, the high school's resident sports historian; Kayellen D'Amour, head of the business department; and Helen Abraham, the artist who created the sketches of the inductees.

The Committee would also be remiss if the tireless efforts of Mrs. Bonnie Gallant of the Peabody School Department were not acknowledged. This program book would not have been possible without her computer and publishing skills.

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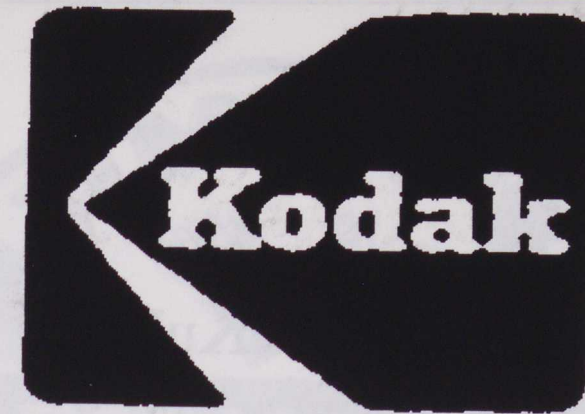
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